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I for one am totally disappointed in the settlement reached by the Justice Department with Microsoft. After finding and reaffirming that Microsoft HAD indeed engaged in monopolistic practices, now, years later the Justice Department suddenly decides that Microsoft can be trusted to "play fair" by agreement alone? Like it agreed back in the mid 90's when it agreed to play fair?

You want to make the playing field level for all 3rd party software developers and the applications developers at Microsoft? Want to help so more of them don't go out of business or lose market share to Microsoft? Then split Micorosoft into 2 companies. An operating system company and an application system company. THEN appoint your panel or committee to make sure neither company passes or requests "technical services" from the other sister company that wouldn't be publicly made to other 3rd party developers. The market would realize a sudden influx of new or improved competing software products with Microsofts applications if everyone has equal access to the hidden code or "hooks" that Microsofts Application Developers now have. . . . Microsoft wouldn't have to release a single line of their "secret code" if they didn't want to - so long as the information they released to their respective sister company was the same information released to the 3rd party companies.

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